5. New Tea Unit Financing Scheme-Special loans and subsidy for extending tea cultivation in non-traditional areas.

6. Darjeeling Interest Subsidy Scheme-Special Scheme for revival of Darjeeling gardens which have been languishing on account of high cost of production. Loans are from banks and Tea Board pay 5.1% interest subsidy area coverage 9,500 hectares.

7. Scheme for Interest Subsidy on Bank loan for Irrigation and Drainage.

8. Scheme for Interest Subsidy on Bank Loan for Extension Planting.

9. Investment Deposit Account Scheme-Tea Companies can deposit upto 20% of their profits in NABARD tax free, for use in productive purposes later on.

Closure of two refineries in Assam

2895. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the HindustanTimes dated the 21st August, 1990 captioned 'two refineries in Assam closed';

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the main grievances of students/agitators; and

(d) what are the losses suffered due to the shut down of refineries and what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Due to Oil Blockade agitation by All Assam Student Union (ATSU) and ONGC Bundh by Sibsagar Distt. Student Union (SDSU), the crude supplies to Barauni Bongaigaon and Guwahati refineries were stopped resulting in crude processing loss in these refineries as under:—

Barauni refinery	140,000 tonnes
Bongaigaon	60,000 tonnes
Guwahati	10,000 tonnes

Digboi refinery, however, did not suffer any major loss in crude processing.

(c) The main demands of AASU is about flow of crude oil out of Assam. The demands of the SDSU include, substantial enhancement of employment of local youth and additional fund from ONGC for development scheme in Sibsagar Distt.

(d) The losses in crude production and crude processing are estimated to be valued at about Rs. 70—80 crores at current international prices.

As a result of the efforts made by Central Government and on the appeal of Chief Minister, Assam the oil blockade was lifted with effect from 27-8-1990. ONGC Bundh, however, has not been withdrawn.

Setting up of new Grass-Root Refineries

2896. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Wtll the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the constant shortage faced by the country pertaining to petroleum products Government have any proposal to set up new grass root refineries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Based on the projected growth in the demand of petroleum products during the 8th Plan, Government have planned setting up four grass-root